

House Bill 698 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Lewis of the 15th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To authorize the City of Cartersville to exercise all redevelopment and other powers under
2 Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution and Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the
3 O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as amended; to provide for a referendum; to
4 provide effective dates; to provide for automatic repeal under certain circumstances; to repeal
5 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 The City of Cartersville shall be and is authorized to exercise all redevelopment and other
9 powers under Chapter 44 of Title 36 of the O.C.G.A., the "Redevelopment Powers Law," as
10 amended. The intention of this Act is to authorize the City of Cartersville to undertake and
11 carry out community redevelopment, to create tax allocation districts, to issue tax allocation
12 bonds, and to incur other obligations within the meaning of and as fully permitted under the
13 provisions of Article IX, Section II, Paragraph VII(b) of the Constitution of the State of
14 Georgia of 1983, as amended, and to authorize the City of Cartersville to exercise
15 redevelopment powers as fully as the "Redevelopment Powers Law" may now or hereafter
16 permit and not to limit any redevelopment powers permitted under the "Redevelopment
17 Powers Law."

18 **SECTION 2,**

19 Unless prohibited by the federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, the election
20 superintendent of the City of Cartersville shall call and conduct an election as provided in
21 this section for the purpose of submitting this Act to the electors of the City of Cartersville
22 for approval or rejection. The municipal election superintendent shall conduct that election
23 on a practicable date in 2007 or 2008 authorized under Code Section 21-2-540 of the
24 O.C.G.A.; provided, however, that if conducting the election under this Act on earlier
25 authorized dates is impracticable, then the municipal election superintendent shall conduct

the election under this Act on the date of the presidential preference primary in 2008 and shall issue the call and conduct that election as provided by general law. The municipal election superintendent shall cause the date and purpose of the election to be published once a week for two weeks immediately preceding the date thereof in the official organ of Bartow County. The ballot shall have written or printed thereon the words:

"() YES Shall the Act be approved which authorizes the City of Cartersville to exercise redevelopment powers under the 'Redevelopment Powers Law,' as
() NO it may be amended from time to time, for the purpose of improving economic and social conditions in depressed areas within the city?"

All persons desiring to vote for approval of the Act shall vote "Yes," and those persons desiring to vote for rejection of the Act shall vote "No." If more than one-half of the votes cast on such question are for approval of the Act, then Section 1 of this Act shall become of full force and effect immediately. If Section 1 of this Act is not so approved or if the election is not conducted as provided in this section, Section 1 of this Act shall not become effective and this Act shall be automatically repealed on the first day of January immediately following that election date. The expense of such election shall be borne by the City of Cartersville. It shall be the election superintendent's duty to certify the result thereof to the Secretary of State.

SECTION 3.

Except as otherwise provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

SECTION 4.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.